

WE'VE DONE IT AGAIN!

For the second year in a row the Statesville-Mooresville area has been named the Top Micropolitan Area in the country. *Site Selection Magazine's* March 2006 issue featured our communities as the No. 1 area for our ability to secure new and expanded corporate facility projects. For over 10 years the Greater Statesville Area has been in the top 10 of *Site Selection Magazine's* rankings. We truly do have the ideal location in which to live and prosper. To read the article please click on this link or go to the *Site Selection* web site at <http://www.siteselection.com>. Under "More from March" click on "TOP MICROPOLITANS".

Iredell County's Population Will Be What?

The Greater Statesville Development Corporation held its 2006 Annual Meeting January 25th. It was a great success and we would like to thank our sponsor PSNC Energy for their generous donation towards making the meeting such a success. For more information on PSNC Energy, please click here. <http://www.scana.com/PSNC+Energy/default.htm>

Our guest speaker was Tony Crumbley who is currently Vice President of Research at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. "Are you ready to be shocked?", Mr. Crumbley asked the local businesses and elected officials who attended as he began his presentation. By 2025 Mr. Crumbley projects Iredell County's population will be 668,000. Mr. Crumbley's projections are based on Iredell County's proximity to Charlotte being similar to Atlanta and its surrounding cities 20 years ago. To review Mr. Crumbley's presentation, please [click here](#) or call the GSDC office.



Pictured left to right: Roy West, past chairman-Statesville Chamber; Virginia Foxx, US House of Representatives-5th District; Bill Long, past chairman-GSDC; Jim Cole, PSNC Energy; Tony Crumbley; Bill Brater, past secretary/treasurer-GSDC

New Non Woven Plant Announces

Carolina NonWovens recently announced its commitment to establish corporate headquarters and manufacturing facilities in Statesville, NC. It will produce non woven textiles for the automotive, building products and home furnishing industry and will occupy a 56,000 s.f. facility in the Sherrill Industrial Park. This project will add 20 jobs and \$10 million in capital investment.

Several Area Expansions This Year

Hexcel Corporation recently announced the consolidation of manufacturing activities for its U.S. electronics business into the Statesville, NC facility. The consolidation will add 60 jobs and \$5-\$6 million in investment.

Tri-State Delta Tire has leased 30,000 square feet of warehouse space.

Kontane Logistics recently occupied an additional 80,000 square feet for their distribution of engines.

Fischbein Company is in the process of an expansion and are building 58,500 square feet of manufacturing space. The project means an addition of 26 new jobs with a capital investment that will exceed \$2.5 million, and will include the transfer of production equipment to this facility.

Trim Systems has leased an additional 71,606 square feet for the manufacturing of soft trim interiors for trucks. This expansion also added 12 new jobs.

Iredell County JobLink Career Fair

The Iredell County JobLink Partners (Mitchell Community College, Employment Security Commission, Vocational Rehabilitation, I-CARE, Iredell Co. Dept. of Social Services, Iredell Statesville Schools and Mooresville Graded Schools) along with the Greater Statesville Development Corporation, Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce and 4th Creek Rotary Club sponsored a JobLink Career Fair on Tuesday April 4, 2006. The event was held at the Statesville Civic Center from 10am-5pm. Twenty-eight



employers signed up to participate in the event. Participants were able to talk with employers and some completed applications during the event.

There was a van making a route from the JobLink office to Mitchell Continuing Education Center then on to the Mitchell Main Campus, and then arriving at the Civic Center and going back each hour to assist participants with transportation. This is the second annual JobLink Career Fair. Those employers who participated will be receiving survey forms for feedback and suggestions for the next event. Plans are being made for the next event which, this time, will be in the Mooresville area and it is anticipated that it will be in the fall of the year. More information will come to you later about this. This way we can have two JobLink Career Fairs, one in Statesville and one in Mooresville for the convenience of our customers, both the job seekers and the employers.

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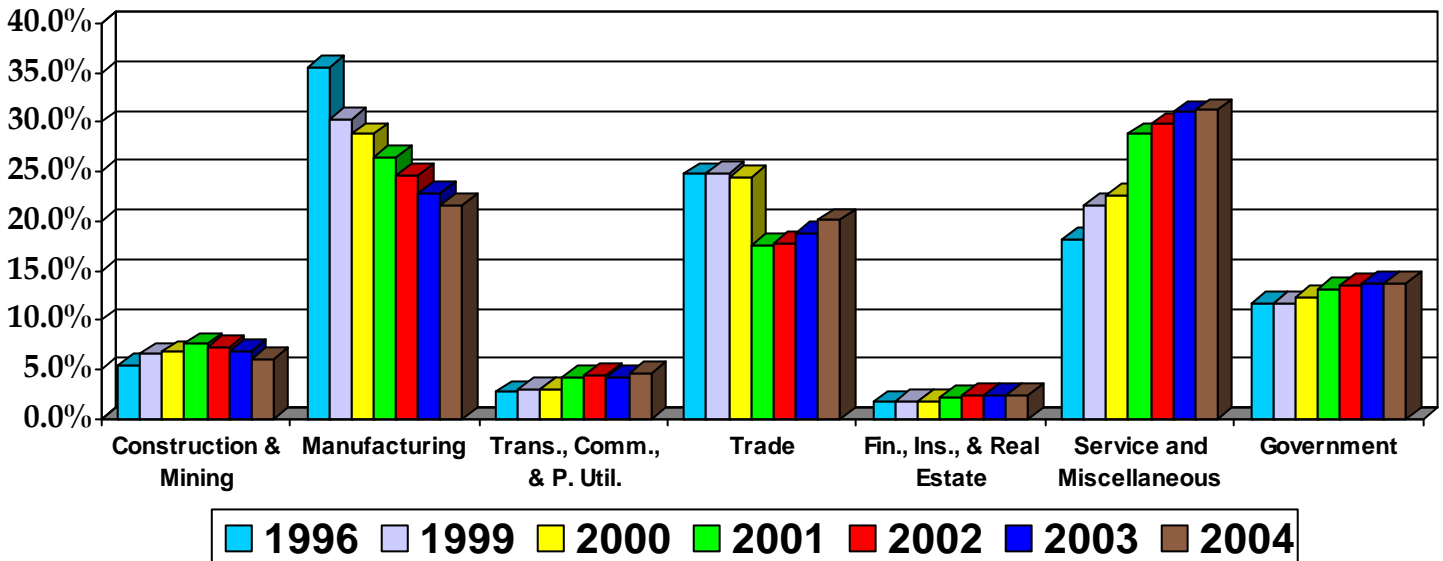


Above are your Mooresville & Statesville Employment Security Commission/Job Link Managers: Jim Hadden & Jean Manall.



Iredell County Percent of Jobs By Type 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004

Source: Employment Security Commission 2006



The above information is located in the Greater Statesville Development Corporation 2005 Annual Report. If you wish to review the entire report please to go to our web site at <http://www.qsdc.org/about.cfm>. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find our Annual Reports.

Iredell County Labor Force Estimates

Source: Employment Security Commission www.ncesc.com

	December 2005	January 2006	February 2006
Labor Force	70,523	72,007	72,135
Employed	67,419	68,870	68,781
Unemployed	3,104	3,354	3,354
Rate %	4.4	4.4	4.6

2006 Community New Business & Industry Activity

New Industry:

Carolina Nonwovens (3-06)

Square Footage: 56,000
Jobs: 20
Investment: \$10 million

Expansions:

Tri-State Delta Tire (1-06)

Square Footage: 30,000

Tarheel Yarn (1-06)

Square Footage: 11,800

Trim Systems (1-06)

Square Footage: 71,606
Jobs: 12

Expansions Cont'd:

Hexcel Corporation (1-06)

Jobs: 60
Investment: \$5-\$6 million

Fischbein Company (3-06)

Square Footage: 58,000
Jobs: 26
Investment: \$2.5 million

Kontane Logistics (3-06)

Square Footage: 80,000



The Greater Statesville Area
Committee of 100
and
The Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, April 26, 2006
Statesville Civic Center

- 12:00 p.m..... Lunch
12:15 p.m..... Welcome and Introductions
12:20 p.m..... Special Presentation
12:30 p.m..... Guest Speaker, Mr. Mark Vitner
Director and Senior Economist - Wachovia Bank
1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Cost for Chamber members - \$20 per person. Contact David Bradley at the Chamber for information (704-873-2892)

Please RSVP for food count and name tags: 704-871-0062

Iredell County Lunch on the Lawn

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Raleigh, North Carolina

Please RSVP by May 4 to (704) 871-0062



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